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25X1 1. [REDACTED] In Dessau that the office at Sonnenstein Castle near Pirna which was engaged in adapting Soviet aircraft designs for German production had been dissolved on short notice in early June, probably as a result of the new course in East Germany. All those employed in this office were transferred to civilian plants. Informant's husband was transferred to VEB Sanar in Dessau.¹

25X1 2. [REDACTED] all plans for the resumption of aircraft production in East Germany had been postponed. It was rumored that all aircraft plants planned to be rebuilt were to be transferred farther to the east.²

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the cancellation of plans related to the expansion of armament industries and military installations has been confirmed by [REDACTED]

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] for instance, reported that on 10 June 1953, meetings of SED functionaries took place in all Leipzig VEBs. One of these meetings was addressed by SED secretary Rolf Butzmann who stated that work on all buildings designed for military purposes had been cancelled on 9 June 1953 and that materials and labor released by this measure would be utilized for the new housing program. It is unknown whether this measure was temporary or definite.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This information is received for the first time.

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